

California Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Mr. Richard Nagel General Manager West Basin Municipal Water District 17140 South Avalon Blvd., Suite 210 Carson, CA 90746-1296

Dear Mr. Nagel:

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – West Basin Municipal Water District, West Basin Water Recycling Plant (NPDES Permit No. CA0063401, Order No. R4-2006-0067, CI-7449)

Our letter dated July 21, 2006, transmitted the final proposed Order and permit for renewal of your permit to discharge brine wastes under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The final proposed Order and permit has been prepared by USEPA and Regional Board staff after giving full consideration to the comments received and issues raised during the comment period that ended on July 13, 2006.

Pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code, during the August 3, 2006 Board meeting, this Regional Board considered the final proposed Order and permit and adopted Order No. R4-2006-0067 for your waste discharge. Order No. R4-2006-0067 serves as your NPDES permit. The federal NPDES permit was reissued by USEPA on August 11, 2006, and is transmitted under this cover letter.

The complete final Order and permit will be sent only to the Discharger. However, these documents are available on the Regional Board's website for your review. The Regional Board's web address is www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/.

The NPDES permit shall become effective **September 18, 2006**, that is 33 days following the date it is mailed to the Discharger, unless a request for review is filed. If a request for review is filed, only those permit conditions which are uncontested will go into effect pending disposition of the request for review. Requests for review must be filed within 33 days following the date the final permit is mailed and must meet the requirements of Section 124.19, Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR). All requests for review should be addressed to the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) as follows. Requests sent through the U.S. Postal Service (except by Express Mail) must be addressed to the EAB's mailing address, which is:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Clerk of the Board Environmental Appeals Board (MC 1103B)

California Environmental Protection Agency

Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460-0001

All filings delivered by hand or courier, including Federal Express, UPS, and U.S. Postal Express Mail, should be directed to the following address:

Environmental Appeals Board U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Colorado Building 1341 G Street, N.W., Suite 600 Washington, D.C. 20460

Those persons filing a request for review must have filed comments on the draft permit, or participated in the public hearing. Otherwise, any such request for review may be filed only to the extent of changes from the draft to the final permit decision.

This Order and permit shall expire on **September 17, 2011**. Section 13376 of the California Water Code requires that an application for a new permit must be filed at least 180 days before the expiration date.

You are required to implement the *Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP)* on the effective date of Order No. R4-2006-0067. The dates that the monitoring and annual reports must be received at the Regional Board Office are provided in the *MRP*. Submit all monitoring reports and annual reports to the Regional Board, <u>Attn: Information Technology Unit</u>. When submitting monitoring, technical reports, or any correspondence regarding the discharge under Order No. R4-2006-0067 to the Regional Board, please include a reference to our *Compliance File No. Cl 7449* to assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate staff and file. Please do not combine your discharge monitoring reports with other reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 576-6720 or Jau Ren Chen at (213) 576-6656.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Blythe Ponek-Bacharowski Chief, Municipal Permitting Unit (NPDES)

Enclosures

cc: See attached mailing list

California Environmental Protection Agency

MAILING LIST

Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, Clean Water Act Standards and Permits (WTR-5) State Water Resources Control Board – Philip Isorena

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

NOAA, National Maritime Fisheries Service

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Ecological Services

California Department of Fish and Game, Region 5

California Department of Fish and Game, Marine Resources Region

California Department of Health Services, Environmental Management Branch

California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Waste Management Division

Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services

Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, Wastewater System Engineering Division

City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Industrial Waste Management

City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Watershed Protection Division

City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power

Water Replenishment District of Southern California

City of El Segundo

American Ocean Campaign

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Santa Monica BayKeeper

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Southern California Coastal Water Research Project

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